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SUBJ: LEM MODEL ON PERMANENT DISPLAY

1. AT INVITATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND BUCHAREST' S MUSEUM OF TECHNICAL SCIENCE (LATTER IS UNDER MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY), EMBASY' S ECON OFFICER AND PAO PAID MAY 3 VISIT TO ENORMOUS LUNAR EXCURSION MODULE DISPLAY WHICH EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE TO NCST ON LONG- TERM LOAN BASIS (CF. BUCHAREST 0213).

2. EMBOFFS THOROUGHLY IMPRESSED BY BOTH INDOOR LOCATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS THIS EXHIBIT, WITH U. S. MARKINGS AND FLAG FULLY VISIBLE (DURING VISIT LARGE GROUP OF YOUNG PIONEERS - ROMANIAN EQUIVALENT OF BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT - TROOPED BY FULL- SCALE MODEL, OOHING AND AHING). NO LESS IMPRESSIVE WAS EVIDENCE OF OFFICIAL ROMANIAN INTEREST THIS MATERIAL, SINCE ROMANIANS THEMSELVES HAD COMPLETELY MOUNTED DISPLAY AFTER LABORIOUSLY TRANSLATING ALL USIS INDIA INSTRUCTIONS INTO ROMANIAN WITH NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

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3. NCST FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR MATAACHE AND FIRST SECRETARY FO SPACE COMMISSION MANDESCU HEADED GROUP OF GOR OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCTED EMBOFFS ON TOUR OF LEM AND OTHER MUSEUM EXHIBITS (MUSEUM ITSELF LOCATED IN LIBERATION PARK, AMONG SITES MOST POPULARLY FREQUENTED BY BUCHAREST CITIZENRY AT LARGE). THESE VOLUNTEERED INTERESTING INFORMATION THAT SOVIET EMBASSY HAD GOTTEN WIND OF U. S. EXHIBIT AND WAS NOW PRESSING MUSEUM TO ACCEPT SIMILAR SOVIET DISPLAY.

4. ENSUING DISCUSSION WITH MATAACHE ET AL. SUGGESTED WAYS IN WHICH APPEARANCE AND IMPACT OF LEM MIGHT BE FURTHER ENHANCED , SUBJECT WE MAY WISH ADDRESS IN SEPARATE MESSAGE. MEANWHILE, GRATIFYING TO NOTE USE TO WHICH THIS MATERIAL PRESENTLY BEING PUT AND PROMINENT LOCATION IT ENJOYS IN MAJOR ROMANIAN MUSEUM, REGULARLY VISITED BY PUBLIC.
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